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TO: Judy Giniger, Public Transportation and Rail Division Director
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SUBJECT: 2006 PUBLIC BENEFIT TRANSPORTATION AREA POPULATION ESTIMATES

This letter officially transmits the Office of Financial Management's (OFM) 2006 Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) and Unincorporated Public Transportation Benefit Area (UTBA) population estimates for use in distribution of funds in accordance with RCW 36.57A.010.

Population estimates are based on the Department of Revenue's (DOR) 2006 sales tax second quarter electronic PTBA boundaries with adjustments. Due to varying coverage of PTBAs, population estimates are derived from a combination of methods (see Table 2). When PTBAs match a standard geography, (i.e., city or county), population estimates are taken directly from OFM's official April 1 Washington State population estimates. When PTBAs consist of county parts, population estimates are derived from OFM Forecasting's Small Area Estimate Program (SAEP). More information about the SAEP can be found at www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/smallarea/.

Effective April 1, 2006, Columbia County has established a countywide PTBA. As in the past, the 2006 PTBA population estimates will be revised should any annexations be made by a PTBA before the next annual release.

The 2006 estimates are not directly comparable to prior estimates due to methodological improvements. Changes in 2006 include modeling housing completion dates in areas where data on new housing excludes completion dates.

If you have any questions regarding these figures or methodology, please contact me at (360) 902-9815 / Kyle.Reese-Cassal@ofm.wa.gov.

Attachments

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TABLE 1. Official April 1, 2006 Population Estimates of Public Transportation Benefit Areas (PTBA) and Unincorporated Transportation Benefit Area (UTBA)

PTBA	Population
Asotin	21,100
Benton/Franklin	201,390
Benton	150,725
Franklin	50,665
Chelan/Douglas	98,680
Chelan	70,100
Douglas	28,580
Clallam	67,800
Clark	335,540
Columbia	4,100
Cowlitz	47,410
Grant	80,600
Island	77,200
Jefferson	28,200
Kitsap	243,400
Lewis	22,455
Mason	53,100
Pacific	21,500
Pierce	721,445
Skagit	98,280
Snohomish	469,650
Spokane	387,635
Thurston	140,655
Walla Walla	47,935
Whatcom	184,175
UTBA	
Garfield	875

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**TABLE 2. 2006 Public Transportation Benefit Areas (PTBA) and
Unincorporated Public Transportation Benefit Area (UTBA) Descriptions**

PTBA	Total County	Part County	Cities	Description
Asotin	x			
Benton/Franklin		#		
Chelan/Douglas	x	#		All of Chelan, part of Douglas
Clallam	x			
Clark		#		
Cowlitz			x	Kelso and Longview
Columbia	x			
Grant	x			
Island	x			
Jefferson	x			
Kitsap	x			
Lewis			x	Centralia and Chehalis
Mason	x			
Pacific	x			
Pierce		#		PTBA includes population from McChord Airforce Base and Ft. Lewis Army Base
Skagit		#		
Snohomish		#		
Spokane		#		
Thurston		#		
Walla Walla		#		
Whatcom		#		
UTBA				
Garfield		#		Garfield County less Pomeroy

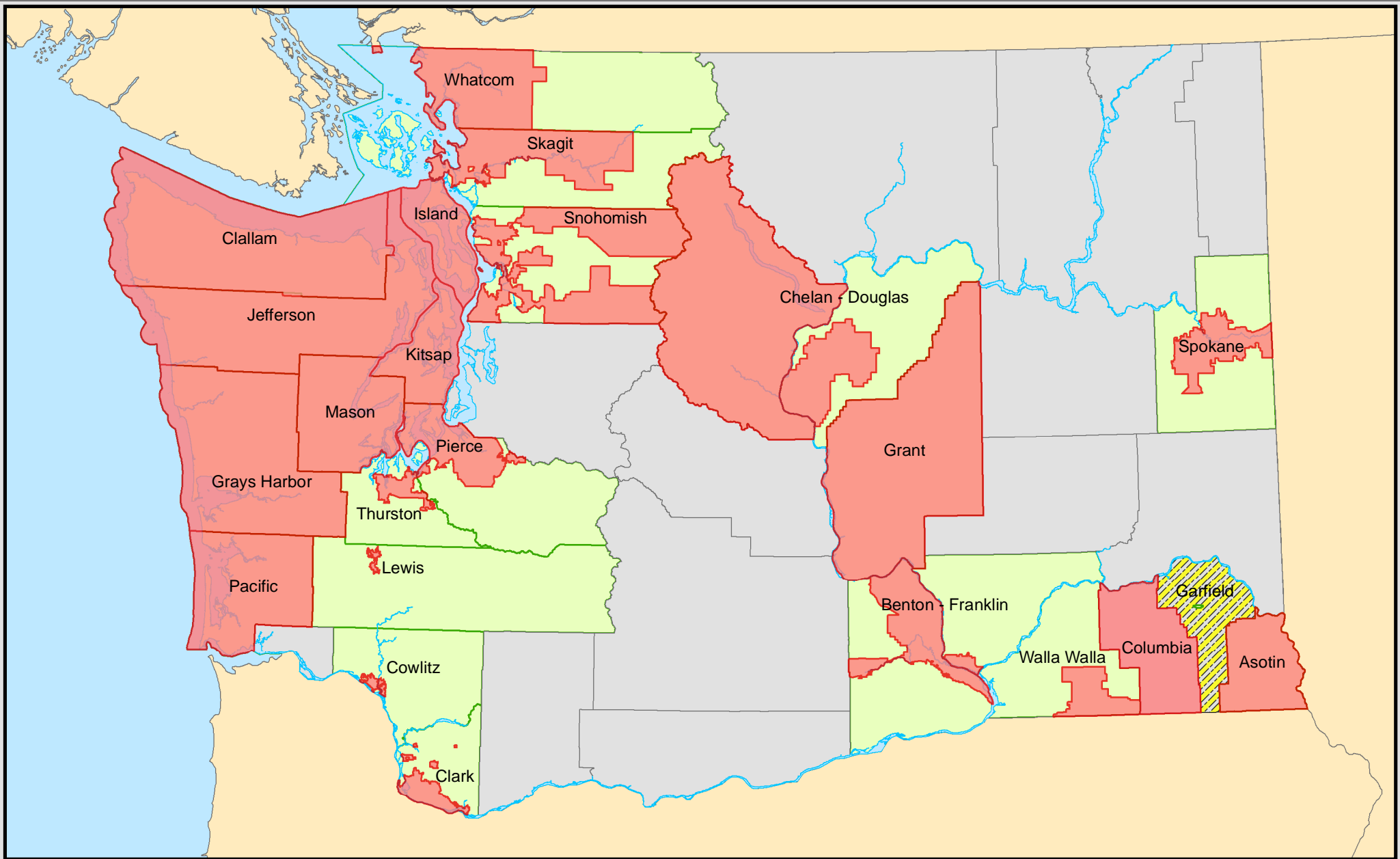
x = Derived from OFM's official April 1 Washington State population estimates

= Derived from OFM's Small Area Estimate Program

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- PTBA
- UTBA
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